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TONOPAH'S POSITION IN SILVER.

With a production of 72 per cent of all the silver that was mined in Nevada during 1921, and 11.45 per cent of all that was mined in the entire United States during the corresponding period, coming from the mines of Tonopah we can well feel proud of the district in which we live. As small as the mines for silver output were during last year, and in spite of the fact that during four months of the time that Tonopah established these enormous averages, the mines and mills were closed down on account of labor troubles, it is most satisfying that the premier mining district of Nevada has established itself with such impressive results. Regardless of the loss of four months' work, the year's figures for Tonopah almost equaled the figures for 1920. In the former year the district was credited with a production of 4,816,055 ounces, according to the figures of the United States geological survey, while during 1921 the figures of production, taken from the same source of information, show a total of 4,581,000 ounces, a decrease of only 235,055 ounces for the entire year, which is less than the production for the last 15 days of December. What would the production have been had there been no shutdown for four months?

In gold production the Tonopah district produced almost 20 per cent of the state's total output, having furnished \$92,000 in the silver metal, while the whole state was producing a total of \$3,340,000 and Tonopah does not consider itself a gold producing camp. These figures enable one to judge of the importance of Tonopah as a stable contributor to the world's metal wealth, a place that it has attained in a very short space of time and one that it bids fair to maintain for many years to come. It was only last month that one of its largest mines showed a total bullion product that exceeded all previous records with but one exception since operations were started in the camp, the larger figure having been established when the average output content of its ore was of very much higher grade than it is today. Now as reserves are being opened each week its mills are installing newer and more up-to-date methods of extraction and the never-ending stream of ore is continuing to be handled with appliances and methods that make for success in a large way. Tonopah, instead of dropping behind, as the decreased figures of production seemingly portend, finds itself at the beginning of 1922 in as strong a position as the premier silver producing district of the United States as it has ever been known to be in the past.

INDUSTRIAL REVIVAL IN THE ASCENDANCY.

The trend of the times indicate the approach of the greatest revival of industrial and mining pursuits that has been known in this country during the past score of years. Eastern financiers predict an unprecedented era of prosperity for the United States, and no one particular section will be overlooked or neglected. The wave of prosperity that is promised has already started on its upward course, and this is evidenced from the fact that capital is now seeking investment in various channels that promises to be most fruitful of results at a comparatively early date. Already the effect is being felt in many localities throughout the west, but it will probably be the great industrial centers of the east that will first command the attention of the men of wealth.

The truth is gradually dawning upon the masses that better times are in store. It has been a known fact for a long time that the great wholesalers and retailers have been allowing their stocks to run low during the past two years with a view to releasing the high-priced goods that naturally had accumulated during the late world war. These stocks, in a majority of instances, have been reduced to a minimum, and enormous orders are now being placed with the larger manufacturing enterprises at practically pre-war prices.

The readjustment period, through which we have been struggling, seems to have passed the critical stage, and we are now getting down to a period of sanity. With factories resuming operations the men

and women forced into idleness will be given employment, and a season of prosperity and contentment will naturally follow in the wake. The railroads are planning many improvements throughout the country, which will result in steel mills, shorthands being operated to capacity. The textile industry promises to enjoy a prosperous period, and activity along all lines seems to be as certain as that the sun will shine on the morrow.

The increased demand that is now being made for copper, the consumption being about 80 per cent of normal, and the further fact that the surplus supply of this metal has practically been consumed, has stimulated the mining industry in no uncertain way, and the big camps of the country, including Ely, Bingham, Harte and Anaconda, will shortly re-arm themselves and become their former great industrial selves.

The demand for silver and gold production is on the increase and naturally southern Nevada is the favored spot, with Tonopah the one bright light of shining importance. Eastern financiers are seeking conservative investments, but are not inclined to look upon wild promotions. They want properties possessing merit, with an even chance of being reimbursed by dividends, and in view of the fact that southern Nevada is the acknowledged home of the silver and gold producers in the United States, our various camps will receive recognition. It is known that there are numerous deals pending, with almost positive assurance that they will be consummated within the next few weeks, and by early spring there promises to be a revival along all lines that will eclipse that of any previous period during the past score of years.

SHALL LAWLESSNESS CONTINUE?

Hark back to the days of the early gold and silver camps of the west, when without any sort of civilization to accomplish the work of law and order in the early communities it was necessary for the citizens to band together for their mutual protection, remember the days of Virginia City, Placerville, then known as Hangtown, and Bannock, Montana; these camps were new, men were unrestrained, and the lawless element in all of the settlements were forcing their will upon the law-abiding very much as they pleased. There was only one remedy, that of the community who believed in law and order were obliged to take the situation into their own hands, band themselves together, and take over the direction of the law and that law's enforcement from those to whom it had been entrusted, and administer it themselves when those to whom that power had been given had woefully failed. The old order changed, the law came into its own, and lawless communities were made to govern themselves as they had always been governed under free American ideals. But the old order again changed, or shall we say the new order requires the change to the old in order that those ideals of citizenship, learned from our forefathers, may still be maintained in a free community. Tonopah is rapidly going back to the days when drastic methods were the only means of checking unbridled crime; a lawless and radical element has endeavored to make the community unsafe for lawful habitation, and the better element of its citizenship has been called upon and will be called upon to organize for their own protection, and the protection and safety of its entire law-abiding citizenship. The time to get rid of the undesirable has come; if the officers duly appointed and elected to carry out the enforcement of the law find themselves powerless or so derelict in their duty that they neglect to properly enforce the laws as they find them on the statute books, it is high time that its better element of citizenship take the law into its own hands. It is deplorable to think that a vigilance committee, sworn to secrecy, should be necessary in any American community today, but when all other methods fail, and the safety of life and property is endangered, as has been the case during the last month in Tonopah, it is about time that action was taken by those who have the best interests of the town at heart to make it possible that when a citizen lays his head down

to rest he does not have to think himself as living in bolshevik Russia.

ISLAND RICH IN RUINS SAID VERY FERTILE

(By Associated Press)
HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 10.—Lanai, one of the oldest if not the oldest of the Hawaiian islands, is the richest of the archipelago for ethnological study, according to Kenneth P. Emory, assistant ethnologist at the Bishop museum here, who has just returned from a thorough survey of the island. He brought back a large quantity of objects and pictures which will be used in the comparative study of the people of all the islands in the south Pacific by the museum in conjunction with Yale university.

The island contains an immense amount of relics and ruins, many as ancient as the living Hawaiian, and there are people who contend that they probably were the work of some race which preceded the Hawaiians, he said.

"This, however, is improbable," he added. "There are no fresh craters on Lanai, which has more continuous area of level fertile country than any other island in the group. It has not been determined at which of the islands these came into existence."

(By Associated Press)
BUCYLER, Ohio, Jan. 10.—The little red brick schoolhouse with an unique victory over the modern up-to-date school with its domestic science and vocational training during an old-fashioned spelling bee here, Mrs. E. B. Finley, 87 years old, defeating 25 graduates of high schools and colleges. The contest lasted more than three hours.

Five of Mrs. Finley's opponents were eliminated when the word "resistance" was reached. After 17 more rounds the word "virginity" caused seven more to quit. The word "rendezvous" left only three. This lineup lasted almost an hour and Mrs. Finley was entertaining fears of a draw when "fortissimo" saved the day, eliminating her two opponents. She became so excited over the "grand finale" however, that she missed the next word, "quiberculous."

NEW ROAD TO BE COMPLETED IN 1922

(By Associated Press)
REDDING, Cal., Jan. 10.—Another route into northern California from the east for automobile travel is expected to be completed by the end of 1922. The new road is to be known as the Redding-Winnemucca, will cross the Sierra Nevada at a comparatively low altitude and will be free from snow for a greater length of time than any of the other northern routes, it is claimed. The highway commissions of both Nevada and California have pledged their support in putting the road in shape.

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